

Weare Public Library Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
March 6, 2008

Present: Raymond Kelly, Paul Marsh, Christine Hague.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM. Minutes of February 7, 2008, meeting approved.

6:45 PM Public hearing to accept gifts and funds from income generating equipment called to order.

Review of donations raised the question about gift from Mary Burch. Chris Hague explained that Mary Burch is a frequent donor, so the gift on this month's list is not the same one listed last month. Sum of \$204.25 accepted by vote.

6:50 Public hearing to accept gifts and funds from income generating equipment closed.

In a review of the **director's report**, the need to find money for roof repairs was brought up. Hague was asked why the budget was so close this year. She cited increased winter maintenance, use of substitutes, rising costs and one-time dues and fees that are due in the beginning of the year as contributing factors. There were five weeks in January, which also added to costs. Hague said the amount overspent in January was compensated for in February to come out on budget, but that the default budget is lower than last year's operating budget so we have a lower allotment coming to us.

Hague described a computer software workshop at the New Hampshire State Library scheduled for April 1, 2008, and asked for permission to close the library that day so that two of the three daytime staff could attend. She explained why she felt that this was a preferable alternative to paying substitutes for that day, given budget limitations. Trustees agreed to allow the building to be closed for this workshop. Cora Jo Ciampi will work her regular hours, with the building closed to the public.

Hague explained the repair and restoration schedule for library windows. Windows in the Paige Room are to be done in the spring.

Looking at the **budget**, the need for accurate information was brought up. Trustees asked Hague if she had planned anything to get information to the public. She said she had taped a TV spot earlier in the day and that it would be aired on Weare CATV. Review of **2008 budget and wage scale** were tabled until after the March 11 vote. Discussion of an interim trustees' meeting resulted in those present offering dates when they are available. Hague will ask other trustees when they could meet if it is necessary.

The **Investment Policy** and **Bylaws** discussion was tabled.
Holiday schedule for 2008 was tabled until we get a budget.
Appointment/reappointment of alternates was tabled.

Hague brought up the question of varying the Sawyer Room policy to allow the Burdan Sharpshooters coming to town in August to hold a Sawyer Room key overnight so they could use the room during their stay on town property. The exception was approved, as long as the Weare Historical Society files the form used for Sawyer Room meetings.

Exterior lighting was discussed briefly. Hague noted that there is no light over the back exit and that the plate over the former lock had been tampered with last summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Next monthly meeting will be April 3, 2008, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hague

Weare Public Library Hearing to Accept Funds March 6,2008		
Source	Purpose	Amount
Book donations	Books, supplies	\$84.31
Mary Burch	Children's books, supplies	\$50.00
Book replacement	Books, supplies	\$28.94
Income generating equipment	Books, supplies	\$41.00
Total		\$204.25